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In re Application of:

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For: ELASTOMER COMPOSITION WHICH

CONTAINS INTERCALATED AND EXFOLIATED

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WITHIN THE ELASTOMER HOST AND ARTICLE,

SUCH AS A TIRE, HAVING AT LEAST ONE

COMPONENT THEREOF

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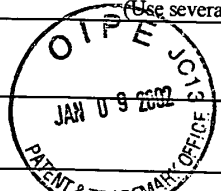
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